

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI. The proposed agenda is as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Motion to move items 15d, 15a, 15b, 15c, 8e, 9b, 18a, 8h and 8i to be heard next on the agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda**

**4. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**5. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

a. Maureen Areglado – Town governance

b. Deb Carney - Ninigret Park and the Town owned 55 acres

c. Cheryl Dowdell – Ninigret Park

**6. ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION REPORTS**

a. Town Administrator

b. Town Solicitor

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Report update on the meeting held with the Senior Artists Group (Ninigret Artist's Guild) concerning space concerns at the Senior Center

b. Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Conservation Commission re: cleanup of the Pawcatuck River

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion and potential action regarding the addition of one document to the Clerkbases Information system. This document will provide town residents with the background information on the responsibilities that the Town agreed to when it accepted the land transfer from the Federal Government that became Ninigret Park.

b. Discussion of and potential action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Ninigret Park Stakeholder

c. Discussion of and potential action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Ninigret Park Stakeholders the Frosty Drew Observatory and all Abutters to Ninigret Park

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the formation of a Stakeholder Commission to work with a vendor to redesign the Ninigret Park Master Plan to be comprised of a member of the Budget Commission, a member of the Conservation Commission, a member of the Economic Improvement Commission, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a member of the Planning Commission, a representative from Frosty Drew Observatory, a representative from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, a representative from the Ninigret Park Neighborhood Community, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, the Town Planner, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Town Solicitor

e. Discussion and potential action regarding Grant Applications, Renewed Programs and Solicited Programs policies

f. Discussion and potential action regarding a policy for posting documents on Clerkbases

g. Discussion and potential action regarding proposed amendments to the Chariho Act establishing two-year School Committee terms

h. Discussion and potential action regarding working with the Town Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance titled "Resident Home Owner Tax Assistance Program" (R.H.O.T.A.P.) for Town Council and residents' consideration

i. Discussion and potential action regarding a request from the Chariho Cowboys for the lighting equipment that was formerly used at the Route 1 driving range.

j. Request from the Charlestown Naval Airfield Memorial Committee to utilize the Summer Office at Ninigret Park for the purpose of displaying artifacts collected from the former Naval Airfield.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. Public hearing and potential action regarding Ordinance 347 amending Chapter 218 Zoning, Section 75 Nuisances, D Lighting and Chapter 155 Nuisances, Article III Lighting, Section 15. Motion to continue the public hearing to May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown RI 02813 and readvertise.

b. Public hearing and potential action regarding the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Activity Ranking

**10. COUNCIL SITTING AS BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD - None**

**11. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

“CA” a. Approval of events at Ninigret Park with a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to review of contracts by the Town Solicitor, receipt of all applicable paperwork and insurance and that all event details be satisfactorily met by the Parks and Recreation Director:

1. Charlestown School Grade 4 Picnic (approved wrong date on 3/12/12 due to Clerical error)

Park Reservation: June 12, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Camping: None

Insurance: Waived

Fee: Waived

2. Frosty Drew Classic 5K Run & Walk

Park Reservation: April 21, 2012 – 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Camping: None

Insurance: \$2 million

Fee: Waived

3. NBX Bikes- NBX Summer Training Series Crit

Park Reservation: Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (April 4, 2012 – September 5, 2012)

Camping: None

Insurance: \$1 million each occurrence, \$3 million general aggregate

Fee: \$2 per rider, paid at the end of the Summer

4. Chariho Youth Soccer Association (CYSA)

Park Reservation:

Spring Competitive Program

Saturdays and Sundays from March 23, 2012 through July 2, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., excluding Easter and Memorial Day weekends with Practice/Make Up dates Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to dusk from March 5, 2012 through July 20, 2012.

Fall Competitive and Recreational Program

Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to dusk and Sundays 11:00 a.m. to dusk from August 20, 2012 through November 4, 2012, excluding Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends with practice times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to dusk from August 6, 2012 through November 2, 2012.

Camping: None

Insurance: \$2 million general liability with RI Youth Soccer Association insurance as member organization

Fee: Waived in exchange for field maintenance

5. Canine Club/Ninigret Park Dog Park Facility Subcommittee – Paws in the Park Dog Walk

Park Reservation: June 9, 2012 - 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Camping: None

Insurance:

Fee: Waived

6. Masonic Lodge – USO Fundraiser

Park Reservation: September 15, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Camping: Event organizers only

Insurance: \$2 million

Fee: Reduced Rate (Non-Profit Organization) TBD

“CA” b. Approval of an application received for a General Entertainment License from Small Axe Café - Hours of Outdoor Entertainment: Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA** *All items marked with “CA” are to be considered consent agenda*

Motion to accept, approve and place on file the following as the consent agenda: 11a, 11b, 13a, 13b, 17a, 17b, 18c, 18d and 18e

### **13. MINUTES AND REPORTS**

“CA” a. Town Council Minutes: March 7; March 12 (Executive and Regular)

“CA” b. Reports: Building Official, March 2012; Chief of Police, March 2012; Public Works Director, March 2012; Town Clerk, March 2012; Town Planner, March 2012; Treasurer, February 2012

### **14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Board and Commission vacancies

### **15. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

a. Commendation for the Four Horsemen – Dan Kilcoyne, Bryce Kelley, Jake Kilcoyne and Mike Marsella

- b. Commendation for the Chariho High School Football Team in recognition of their winning the Division II State Championship
- c. Commendation for Representative Donna Walsh, CRMC, Salt Pond Coalition, Coastal Ponds Management Commission, Southwind Corporation, Steve McCandless and Matthew J. Dowling for their work on the Breachway Dredging Project.
- d. Resolution honoring Robert J. Schiedler's efforts in helping establish the Ninigret Park Dog Park
- e. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance #348 amending Chapter 158 – Parks, Beaches and Recreation Areas (Beach Passes). Motion to order advertised for public hearing on May 14, 2012.
- f. Resolution opposing 2% meals tax increase
- g. Resolution opposing lodging tax expansion
- h. Letter of support – H7450 (municipal reimbursement for essential services provided to certain tax exempt properties) and/or S2786 (No property owned by any private non-profit institution of higher education or non-profit hospital facility would be exempt from taxation if the property's income were derived from activity not involving education or healthcare, respectively)
- i. Approval of a resolution in support of Governor Chafee's legislation package to help municipalities resolve their financial problems and begin the process of recovery and financial stability

#### **16. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

- a. Letter from Attorney James V. Aukerman re: Estate of Richard M. Heavers

#### **17. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

“CA” a. Reappointment of Peter Arnold to the Coastal Pond Management Commission for a term to expire in March of 2015.

“CA” b. Resignation of Anne Mulhall from the Ninigret Park Dog Park Subcommittee.

#### **18. FISCAL MATTERS**

- a. Adoption of a tentative 2012-2013 Budget for presentation at the Budget Public Hearing
- b. Potential action in support of the Charlestown Land Trust's purchase of the YMCA property for preservation through authorizing the purchase of a conservation easement on the YMCA property for the sum of \$475,000.00, more or less, using bond authorization and/or any other funds available to the Town.
- “CA” c. Authorization for the GIS Office to submit a request for proposals for the purchase of a survey grade Global Positioning System (GPS) unit (Trimble RTK) for approximately \$25,000 with funds to come from both the Pond and Beach Preservation Fund (80.000.5100) and the GIS Project Fund (51.000.5100) to make this purchase.
- “CA” d. Authorization for the Town Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Fuss & O'Neill for mooring software.
- “CA” e. Award of Title Services and Tax Sale Services bid to Williams Tax Title Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$130.00 per name and \$35.00 per deed for a total fee of \$165.00.

#### **19. LEGAL MATTERS - None**

#### **20. ADJOURNMENT**

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Town Council. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 711-364-1240 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

**Advertised in the Westerly Sun – April 7, 2012**

**Posted at SOS, ClerkBase and at Town Hall – April 5, 2012**